

**Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2007**  
**45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine**

Meeting opened at 12:35 p.m.

**Board members present:** Chairman George McHale, Larry Hall, Peter Danton and Cushing Samp  
One vacancy exists on the Board.

**Staff members present:** Exec. Director Robert Welch, Det. Don Armstrong, Auditor Scott Woods and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

**Legal counsel:** Melissa O'Dea, Ass't Attorney General

- **Minutes from September 25, 2007 meeting:**

**Motion to accept:** Cushing Samp motioned, with the exception of one change of the vote to pass the minutes from 4-0 to 3-0 to accept the minutes.

**Seconded:** Peter Danton

**Vote: 4-0**

- **Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

A. FYI to the Board: the Kobetron equipment needs to be upgraded in order to accommodate the new I.G.T. machines. Cost of \$1013.00 for two adapters to upgrade. No vote needed, authority to purchase already in place.

B. Community Impact Study – Mr. Welch made several phone calls, but has heard nothing back.

C. WMS Gaming has submitted their Slot Distributor application.

D. Fortress/Centerbridge application process – Christian Smith thought a new contract would be needed due to the NEW individuals and corporations to be investigated. A contract was sent over to Christian from Mr. Welch.

E. Bally Gaming Inc. renewal application has been approved.

F. The slot machines have been re-registered for the next year, expiring October 2008.

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods**

Per the Board's request of Mr. Woods that he send his weekly financial activity sheets to the heads of Legislative Departments; Mr. Woods has worked with Senator Barry Hobbins in obtaining a list of names for purposes of doing this activity, starting with this week's financial sheet. This would include Legislative Leadership, Appropriations Committee, Legal & Veteran's Affairs and Taxation Committee.

- **State Police Activity Update – Det. Don Armstrong**

16 applications have been received and processed since the September 25th Board meeting. The State Police personnel are working on Fortress, Centerbridge and WMS Gaming suitability investigations.

**State Police Activity continued...**

Per the Board's request to inquire about any traffic problems with the construction of the new racino, it was inquired from Bangor PD as to any issues. Bangor PD reported none and in fact things are going very well with the whole operation and construction.

- **Other Business**

Scientific Games represented by Scott Stewart and Dan Walker (attorney with Preti Flaherty), approached the Board again about renegotiating their contract to make up for their financial losses within this contract year. The contract runs out November 2007. Ms. O'Dea offered that there were no legal impediments to proceeding with conversation about the contract with Sci Games, and opined that the contract *could* be interpreted to not cover the time period from November 4, 2007 to the opening date of July 2008 for re-negotiation purposes. She advised she would be available to work with anyone the Board Chair designates to discuss the matter with Sci Games. Chairman McHale designated Mr. Welch and Cushing Samp to meet with Sci Games, and the parties agreed to meet the following day.

- **New Business**

None

- **Public Comments**

Jon Johnson, general manager of Hollywood Slots reported that currently the slot revenue is 74.6 million, with 38 million in taxes paid out. Construction of the permanent facility is coming along well. with total enclosure still planned by the end of November. The Gaming portion and Garage will be open early July 2008, with the hotel completed by August 2008. Hollywood Slots has had 1,836,171 guests since it's opening of November 2005.

- **Next meeting date – November 7, 2007**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain  
Secretary